



Georgia Department of Human Resources

SAVANNAH YOUTH COLLABORATIVE

Project Meeting Minutes

Project Name:	Savannah Youth Collaborative
Date/Time:	Friday January 20, 2006 at 1:00 p.m.
Location:	St. Pius Family Resource Center
Facilitator:	Gwen Skinner

Welcome/Meeting Objectives

The meeting of the Savannah Youth Collaborative was called to order and the welcome and objectives of the meeting were provided by Gwen Skinner.

The objective of this meeting was to provide The Collaborative with updates from the state and local representatives and to see what type of support is needed to facilitate the project's mission.

Project Updates

Agenda Item	Update/Decisions
Savannah Youth Collaborative	<p>The new Savannah Project Manager, Sametria R. McFall, was introduced to the members of The Collaborative.</p> <p>It was decided that Collaborative meetings with members from the State Office will be held every fourth Friday of each month.</p> <p>Additional meeting dates and times will be identified by members of The Collaborative.</p>
Mobile Crisis Response Service/Crisis Stabilization Program	<p>Rosa Kamson indicated that four members have been selected to operate the Mobile Crisis Unit and official offers will be made to those individuals during the week of January 23, 2006. An alternative member for each position has already been identified in the event that someone declines the offer.</p> <p>The service provided by the unit will be 24 hour a day and 7 days a week.</p> <p>This Unit will cover Chatham, Effingham, Liberty and Bryan Counties.</p> <p>This Unit should be in place by mid February.</p>

Developmental Disability Waivers	<p>Dr. Steve Hall and Lori Von Schmeling indicated that approximately 14 children have been identified as needing DD waivers.</p> <p>These children range in age from 3-21 who live in Chatham County and are at risk of losing their home placement due to the nature of their disability.</p> <p>Children with DD who are not currently receiving any services will take priority.</p> <p>The list of children eligible for aid should be finalized by the week of January 23, 2006.</p> <p>Waivers are being redefined to allow greater flexibility in services.</p>
Substance Abuse Training	<p>Neil Kaltenecker indicated that the initial Seven Challenges Program training with Dr. Robert Schwebel is off to a good start for those who participated. However, the training conference was poorly attended by Savannah participants.</p> <p>A follow up conference for this training is being planned for March or April.</p> <p>This training involved two-days of hands on preparation and is then supplemented with monthly telephone conferences.</p> <p>In an effort to get more participation from the Savannah community, members of the Collaborative will be notified as soon as the dates of the next Conference have been finalized.</p> <p>The model for the Seven Challenges Program is available on-line at www.chestnut.org.</p>
TANF Outpatient Substance Abuse Program	<p>There is \$200,000 available for outpatient services.</p> <p>The Collaborative should provide input as to how the funds might be allocated to provide services.</p>
After School Substance Abuse Program	<p>Michele Barnett indicated that Scott Alternative School has been selected as the site for the Substance Abuse Apprentice Program.</p> <p>Twenty five to thirty students ages 15 – 16 will participate.</p> <p>This program should begin in February.</p> <p>A counselor located at the school has been identified for training and will introduce the program to the student participants.</p>
DFCS Placements	<p>Rosa Kamson and Lillian Taylor provided the update.</p> <p>Two meetings of the LOC Committee have occurred.</p> <p>A list of approximately 11 children have been identified as ready for placement based on their: level, admission date, current diagnosis, DJJ involvement, medial problems, status of treatment, grade, IQ, custody and reunification.</p> <p>Some preliminary needs of each of these children have already been identified.</p> <p>PCPs will be coordinated thru the LOC Committee.</p> <p>Additional collaboration with Chatham County Board of Education, Gateway, DJJ, Public Health, Family Court and Youth Futures is needed to ensure proper placement and service.</p> <p>There are currently 3 IFFY providers: Gateway, Dynamic Interventions and Someone Cares</p> <p>On January 30, 2006 there will be orientation for new members (9:00 a.m.) then the general meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>LOC will follow children for at least one year after placement.</p>
Mathew Reardon Center	<p>Rosa Kamson indicated that The Center has been allocated \$350,000 to provide services.</p>

	<p>A committee has been formed to learn what services The Center currently provides and what needs the community has.</p> <p>The committee will meet with The Center to discuss the community's needs and how the funds that are available can be used.</p> <p>Gail Kartell indicated that a two day training for parents was going to be held during the weekend of January 21, 2006.</p>
Home Visiting Services	<p>The goal of this out reach is to ensure that unsubstantiated cases of child abuse and neglect do not become substantiated cases.</p> <p>A logic model is being used for this process.</p> <p>Nurse home competencies are being developed for visiting services.</p> <p>The Nurse Family Partnership Model (Denver, CO) is being used.</p> <p>Visiting home services will be implemented once training has been completed.</p> <p>The goal date to begin this service is early spring (April/May).</p>
Interagency Case Management System Project for Juveniles	<p>The current model used has been reviewed and minor adaptations were made to make it Chatham's model.</p> <p>MLUs are ready to be signed</p> <p>February 3rd or 10th is the next meeting date.</p> <p>March 15, 2006 is the projected implementation date.</p>

Outstanding Issues		
Number	Issue	Owner
1	Developing a System of Care for Savannah	TBA
2	Assessment of the current values for sending Savannah Children outside of the community for care	TBA
3	The Collaborative needs to identify what type of training they need or would like to see to ensure that the Collaborative is successful	TBA

Next Meeting		
Date	Time	Location
February 24, 2006	1:00 p.m.	St. Pius Family Resource Center